

Key statistics

The Anthony Nolan Trust saves lives by recruiting donors to our
national bone marrow register

The Anthony Nolan Trust is the UK's largest and most successful register. In 2008, the Charity saved two lives every day. However, for every two people whose lives were saved there are about two patients who do not receive a transplant.*

Just over 400,000 people are on the bone marrow register and it is not enough

Between 1974 and 2008 The Anthony Nolan Trust has given 7,000 people the chance of life

In 2008/9 The Anthony Nolan Trust facilitated unrelated donor transplants for 808 patients

The Anthony Nolan Trust receives around 1,400 transplant requests from UK patients annually, and around 50% were successful and had a transplant. Transplants are often the last option for many patients therefore more donors on the register will improve the proportion of patients receiving a successfully matched donor, and save even more lives

To join the register you need to be aged between 18 and 40.

Donors

There is a one in four chance that a brother or sister will share the same tissue type as the patient

Only 30% of patients needing a transplant find a matching donor from within their own family, generally from a sibling

Nearly 10,000 donors were deleted from the register during 2008 mainly through donors reaching the upper age limit

Other figures

On average The Anthony Nolan Trust received new search requests for 115 UK-based patients per month

72 % of all donations are made by men

We exported 160 donations last year: the top 3 were USA 45, Germany 29 and France 25

Imported units: 265 in total; Germany 137, USA 88 and Portugal/Cyprus 7 each

We currently have 24 volunteer couriers who did 463 trips as far afield as Hong Kong and Australia (over 7 390 travel hours)

World Marrow Donor Association figures

By August 2007, over 80,000 unrelated stem cell transplants had been performed worldwide. Currently, 120,000 patients are in need of a transplant. Only two out of three Caucasian patients will find a suitable donor. *For patients of non-Caucasian backgrounds, it can be as low as one out of four.